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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with the Republic of the Philippines.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DJOU submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States should initiate negotiations to enter into a free trade agreement with the Republic of the Philippines.

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have shared history and commitment to democratic principles;

Whereas the Philippines modeled its governmental institutions on those of the United States and continues to share a commitment to democracy and human rights;

Whereas the human links that bind the United States and the Philippines continue to form a strong bridge between the two countries;

Whereas the Filipino-American community is an integral part of America's cultural fabric;

Whereas the Filipino-American community is the second largest Asian-American group in the United States with a population of approximately 3,100,000 people;

Whereas the Filipino and Filipino-American servicemen and servicewomen have fought alongside and in the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas much of Manila was destroyed during the final months of World War II and an estimated one million Filipinos lost their lives fighting alongside Allied Forces;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have worked aggressively to combat terror and antidemocratic forces;

Whereas the United States and the Philippines have signed a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement;

Whereas United States goods and services trade with the Philippines remains the 30th largest goods export market; and

Whereas the Philippines is the 12th largest United States agriculture export market: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives that the United States should initiate negotia-
3 tions to enter into a free trade agreement with the Repub-
4 lic of the Philippines.